

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure at page 31 to read as follows:

A method and apparatus for enhancing the performance of a network by performing selective spoofing, i.e., determining whether or not to spoof a connection. Selective spoofing provides the ability to discriminate among different connections, only allocating TCP spoofing resources to those ~~connections for which~~ where spoofing will ~~actually~~ improve performance and assigning spoofing parameters based on the specific applications using the connections. The selective spoofing ~~functions described are~~ is applicable to a wide variety of communication links, including both slow and fast links, high latency links, and links with low and high error rates. The selective spoofing ~~functions may be implemented~~ are used either alone or ~~in combination~~ together with other performance enhancing features. Those features include , ~~such as~~, spoofing the conventional TCP three-way handshake, local data acknowledgement, multiplexing multiple connections across a single connection, data compression/encryption, prioritization, and path selection. The selective spoofing ~~features described are~~ is particularly useful for links with high latency and/or high bit error rates.